

## Resolution of Council

**11 February 2019**

### **Item 12.7**

#### **ANZAC Day**

Moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Thalís –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
- (i) ANZAC Day is an important day of remembrance for our City of Sydney community;
  - (ii) the 2018 ANZAC Day Dawn Service at the memorial in Hyde Park was attended by over 30,000 people;
  - (iii) local ANZAC Day services in places such as Glebe and Pyrmont are important to our local communities; and
  - (iv) residents have raised concerns regarding the condition of gardens and public sites surrounding memorials in the City, with the condition of the monument located in Pyrmont being of particular concern; and
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to refresh the gardens and other public sites surrounding memorials in the City in preparation for ANZAC Day.

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Note – The motion above was not carried. The resolution below was carried -

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  - (v) that the City is proud to be a major supporter of ANZAC Day commemorations;
  - (vi) that the City is responsible for maintaining 24 war memorials or war-related memorials, and the City has invested heavily in restoring them;
  - (vii) that the City invests \$40,000 annually to maintain the Cenotaph in Martin Place;
  - (viii) that the City invested \$3.1 million restoring the pool of reflection in Hyde Park ahead of the Centenary;
  - (ix) that the City invested \$500,000 on the commemoration artwork, "Yininmadyemi", installed in Hyde Park as a tribute to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander servicemen and women;
  - (x) that in March 2017 the City completed an upgrade of Regimental Square, one of the city centre's important memorial squares. The upgrade included new seating, street lights and more space for commemorative services and pedestrians, removing the original planters and replacing the plants and refurbishing the water feature and memorial wall;
  - (xi) that in 2018, following meticulous restoration, the City reinstalled a Victoria Cross that was long missing from the Glebe War Memorial in Foley Park;
  - (xii) that in addition to regular maintenance, the City's public art maintenance contractor, is instructed to ensure that all memorials are clean and well-maintained in the lead-up to ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day; and
  - (xiii) that City staff and the City's park maintenance contractors inspect and clean the areas surrounding war memorials before ANZAC Day ceremonies; and
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to continue to refresh the gardens and other public sites surrounding memorials in the City in preparation for ANZAC Day.

The motion, as varied by consent, was carried unanimously.

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